

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON.

Congress enters upon the last week of the session with many important bills still unacted on. A review of the work of the Congress is presented and the results enumerated.

The President has agreed that if Congress will make a declaration of war on Cuba, he will accept the responsibility of the negotiations with Cuba. This is in order to avoid an extra session and Senators are expected to agree on a declaration, to be offered as an amendment to the army appropriation bill.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

A bill authorizing the purchase of land at Union Station for a public park will be introduced in the House of Delegates.

Mr. W. L. Sheldon, in an address before the Ethical Society, denounces the Christian nations for their attitude toward China and says their greed and brutality have caused the recent troubles.

Louis C. McNeill, spending the third Sunday of his honeymoon in the hideout, calmly protests that he is not the man who stole diamonds from a local jewelry firm.

John Benson, an aged patient of the Bethesda Home, died from a wound inflicted by himself last December.

The Aids Mutuelle Beneficiary Society gives its annual banquet and ball.

A Republican member of the Legislature says that St. Louis is to have two Democratic Congressmen under the new apportionment.

Mrs. Nora Byrne may die from injuries received in a quarrel with her husband.

The new Election Commissioners will meet to-day and the Police Board will convene either to-day or to-morrow.

Frances Gorskie was taken to the City Hospital by her husband, who says she tried to kill him.

Doctor Thomas O'Reilly dies suddenly at his home.

J. A. Hull, arrested in Chicago, is wanted in St. Louis on the charge of swindling merchants.

The freshman class of Christian Brothers' College gave an entertainment at College Hall.

Major William Warner of Kansas City arrives in St. Louis and confers with Republicans about his visit to Washington, D. C.

A call has been extended to the Reverend Mr. Kline of St. Louis by the Jerseyville, Ill., First Presbyterian Church.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

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FOREIGN.

Edward VII declines the Kaiser's invitation to stay at Homburg Castle.

Matters in the Austrian Reichsrath are drifting toward another dissolution. All of the important points may be settled by military officers.

M. Paul Deroudele, in an address to his followers, tells why his coup failed.

The resignation of the Spanish cabinet will be presented to the Queen to-day.

De Wet is defeated in an engagement with Colonel Buller. The Boer forces were scattered and De Wet fled with only a handful of followers. The burghers lost a 15-pounder and a pom-pom and fifty-three prisoners.

China's surrender to the demands of the Powers is now almost complete. Arrangements have been made for the execution on Tuesday of four of the Boxer leaders, and all the peace demands except the payment of indemnity have now been practically complied with.

SPORT.

Keynote beat Cabanne in the big trap shoot yesterday.

Texas horsemen are cutting a wide swath at New Orleans.

Jim Jeffries has a badly injured knee and may never fight again.

C. B. C. beat C. C. Club by a score of 4 to 2 in the football game yesterday.

Richard Croker's recent race-horse purchases in Kentucky have been shipped to New York, where they will be put in training for two of the big events.

RAILROADS.

Insurrection traffic, it is predicted, will be lighter than in any preceding year.

The traffic on the Great Lakes was larger last year than in any preceding year.

There will be a certain amount of latitude allowed in enforcing civil-service rules on the Baltimore and Ohio.

George B. Harris, the newly-elected president of the Burlington, will make no change in its present policy.

The Central Passenger Association may withdraw the sale of mileage books if the Indiana case is decided against the railroad on final appeal.

President S. M. Felton of the Chicago and Alton will tender President Spencer of the Southern and H. R. Spencer of the Louisville lines a banquet at the St. Louis City Hotel.

President Samuel Spencer of the Southern, Chairman William Butler Duncan of the Mobile and Ohio, President Russell and General Superintendent Clarke arrived here yesterday, after a tour of inspection.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, Feb. 24—Arrived: La Gasconne, Havre; Rotterdam, Rotterdam and New York, Feb. 24—Arrived: Columbia, Genoa; Minnehaha, London; Phoenix, Hamburg.

Kinsale, Feb. 24—Passed: Belgeland for Queenstown; Bohemia, Boston, for Liverpool.

Liverpool, Feb. 24—Arrived: Nomadic, New York; Ottoman, Portland, Me.; Philadelphia, New York; Umbria, New York via Queenstown.

Queenstown, Feb. 24—Sailed: Lucania, from Liverpool for New York.

St. Louis, Feb. 24—Arrived: Kooniga, from New York.

CHINESE EXECUTIONS TAKE PLACE TUESDAY.

Death Penalty Will Be Publicly Inflicted in Pekin on Chih Shu and Hsu Cheng Yu.

TWO OTHER DOOMED BOXERS.

Ying Nien and Chao Shu Chiao Must Die in the Presence of Representatives of the Powers.

Pekin, Feb. 24.—The full text of the imperial edict regarding punishments was sent last evening to the Ministers of the Powers. It is identical with the unofficial report of the contents of the edict cable to the Associated Press. The Ministers say that there is a little confusion with reference to the execution and suicide, but that this is not important.

Li Hung Chang received a bulletin announcing the sentences which will be carried into effect by the Board of Punishment, and he requested the Japanese to deliver Ying Nien and Chao Shu Chiao in order that the sentences in their cases might be executed to-day in conformity with the edict, but the Japanese considered the notice too short and have delayed the enforcement of the penalties until Tuesday in order that the Ministers of the Powers might send representatives, as they desire.

It is also intended to guard the men at the place of execution, so as to prevent suicide or escape.

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